

William Shakespeare's Life

- April 23, 1564** Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, England to Mary and John Shakespeare. He was their third child out of eight.
- 1571** It is believe that this is the year Shakespeare started grammar school in Stratford – at age 7.
- Nov. 27, 1582** Shakespeare marries Anne Hathaway, a farmer's daughter who is 26 years old (8 years older than him).
- May 26, 1583** Shakespeare's first child, Susanna, is born. She lives to the age of 66.
- Feb. 2, 1585** Shakespeare's twins are born, The boy, Hamnet, dies at age 11. The girl, Judith lives to be 77 years old.
- 1585** Shakespeare leaves Stratford for London to start his career in the theatre.
- 1593** Shakespeare starts writing *The Sonnets*.
- 1594** Shakespeare founded the Lord Chamberlain's Men, and acting company.
- 1595** Shakespeare wrote both *Romeo & Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 1596-1597** Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, dies. Shakespeare buys a very large house in Stratford called *New Place*.
- 1598-1599** The Globe Theatre is built – Shakespeare is a part-owner of the new theatre.
- 1613** The Globe Theatre burns to the ground. It is later rebuilt and able to open in 1614.
- April 23, 1616** Shakespeare dies after a few days of high fever at the age of 52. He is buried in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.